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District moves to restrict events at schools

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Aiming to protect itself from liability and recoup the costs incurred from allowing various groups to hold events on school property, the district last week unveiled a revised permitting policy for the use of facilities on all campuses.

District officials for the past year have been working to overhaul the existing permit policy, which they characterize as lacking appropriate guidelines, leading to a large number of cases of non-permitted events at school facilities.

Carey Upton, the theater operations and facility permits director, said that approximately 50 percent of all activity in district facilities was not permitted when he first began looking at the policy in 2008. Only 25 percent of events that were permitted had paid the fee previously approved by the board, he said.

Today, about 90 percent of all activity on district campuses are permitted and the goal is to bring compliance to 100 percent.

"We were asked to take a look at the system and try to fix it," Upton said during the Board of Education meeting on Thursday.

The district last year brought in about $150,000 in revenue from permit fees. That figure went up to $225,000 this year and is expected to jump to about $300,000 after the adoption of the revised policy.

The proposed policy breaks users of facilities into several different categories, charging them different fees depending on how closely associated they are with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) and how their organization benefits students and the use of schools. The policy is expected to be approved in the next several weeks.

"What we're looking for is trying to create categories so we can clearly and equitably place each user group with similar types of users," Upton said.

The policy distinguishes groups depending on their level of affiliation to the district. The categories include groups that are directly associated, like the PTA, whose existence is based on the district, and groups with looser affiliations, such as the Boy Scouts, which is an independent organization but has members enrolled in the SMMUSD. Then there are groups with no relationship at all with the district, such as businesses.

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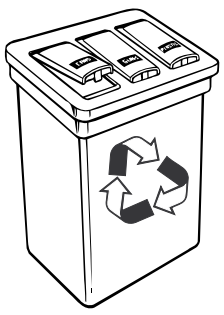
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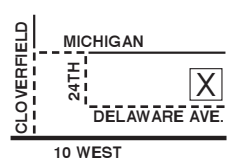
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Big bucks
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:45 p.m.
The City Council will hold the first of several study sessions on the 2009-10 proposed budget. Hundreds of millions of dollars in programs and services will be covered, including an overview of the Human Resources Division, Finance, Housing and Economic Development, Community Maintenance and more.
The meeting is open to the public. City Hall and the Council Chamber are wheelchair accessible. The agenda is available in alternate format upon request by calling the City Clerk's Office at (31) 458-8211.

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Future workforce
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Summer is quickly approaching and that means its time for many teens to get a job. Join the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and City Hall for the annual "Employer & Student Expo," a gathering of local businesses offering summer employment as well as full and part-time positions, in addition to internships and volunteer opportunities for youth ages 14-24. Workshops will be conducted in conjunction with the Expo as well as training in interviewing skills. Several speakers are slated to make presentations at various intervals throughout the event. Some of the over 20 featured agencies include: Gerber Ambulance, Hot Dog on a Stick, Greenstation, Ironworkers, Ocean Park Community Center, Pacific Park, Electrical Training Institute, Santa Monica College, Century Community Training Program, and others. Virginia Avenue Park is served by Big Blue Bus Lines Nos. 7 and 11. The park is wheelchair accessible and welcomes persons of all abilities. For special accommodations, contact (310) 458-8688 or (310) 917-6626. For additional information regarding the expo, contact Carla Fantozzi, City of Santa Monica Human Services Division, at (310) 458-8688.

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Come for a free lesson at 7 p.m., and stick around after for more dancing for $10. Learn how to waltz, fox-trot, swing and hustle by request. Partners are not required. Parking is available next door. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

Heal yourself
Kathmandu Boutique
1844 Lincoln Blvd., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, May 28, 2009

Prose and poetry
Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen and enjoy free open prose and poetry readings every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as long as there is a 1,000 word limit per reader. Visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php or call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Record set at L.A.'s first and last Memorial Day marathon

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LOS ANGELES Wesley Korir of Kenya and Tatiana Petrova of Russia won the Los Angeles Marathon Monday, with a record-breaking time for the men's pack.

Korir broke from the pack, and passed Petrova about 24 miles into the race. His final time of 2:08:23 broke the old record, set on the same race course, by 18 seconds.

"Tell you the truth, I wasn't expecting to win at all," Korir told NBC4. "This was the biggest blessing ever in my life, it was the best."

Korir, a University of Louisville student athlete, said he was singing and praying during the race. His prize package, including a new car, totaled about $189,000.

The elite women were started nearly 17 minutes ahead of the men, to provide for excitement at the finish line, and a $100,000 prize to the winner of the gender race. It was run under cloudy skies and perfect running weather.

Petrova had the third-best women's marathon in L.A.: 2:25:56. She said he primary concern was leading the womens' pack, not beating the man. "I didn't know how hard they were going to push me," she told NBC4 through an interpreter.

Packs of about 12 runners led the mens' division at the halfway mark, and a similar clump of women shared the lead at their halfway point. But last year's winner, Petrova emerged from the women's pack to lead at the 16-mile mark.

About 15,000 people ran this year's marathon, which was under new ownership. This year's race abandoned the Universal City starting line used for two years and shifted the start and finish lines back to Figueroa Street downtown.

The 26-mile, 385-yard loop course began at Figueroa and Fifth streets, heading south to Exposition Park, then west to Leimert Park, and north through the Crenshaw district, hitting the half-way point at Venice Boulevard and Burnside Avenue in the Mid-City area.

The second half of the course includes the Pico-Robertson district, Little Ethiopia, Park

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CLEAN MACHINE: **Gil Borboa (in suit), the Water Resources manager for City Hall, talks with Andrew Cherene, the staff geologist for Worley Parsons Komex, a resources and energy company, at the Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant on Wilshire Boulevard in May of last year. The City Council will spend more than $50 million to build another treatment plant to restore the local water supply, which is tainted by a fuel additive.**

Pawn shop finds new home

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussions in the past.

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL More than a month after loosening zoning restrictions to help a pawn shop find a new home, the City Council is now set to become the business' new landlord.

The council tonight is expected to enter a lease agreement with Angelo's Pawn Shop for a 2,300 square-foot space at 1334 Fifth St., which City Hall recently purchased as part of its Downtown parking improvement plan.

The approval of the lease agreement is part of the council's consent agenda, which also includes a $53.4 million spending package.

The two-story commercial building is just one of several parcels of property on the same block that City Hall acquired for its Downtown Parking Strategy, a three-year-old program that seeks to meet the parking needs in Downtown for the next 10 years by seismically upgrading and reconstructing existing parking structures and building new ones. City Hall owns everything on the west side of 1300 block from the corner of Arizona Avenue to the Carlson's Appliance building.

While city officials spend the next few years planning the fate of 1334 Fifth, the building will house the last known pawn shop in Santa Monica.

The pawn shop is being forced to relocate because of construction at the old Mayfair Theater at 206 Santa Monica Blvd., which has been its home since its founding 23 years ago. The Mayfair is being transformed into a housing development.

The City Council recently approved an interim ordinance that expanded the geographical area where pawn brokers are permitted, allowing pawn shop owners to widen their search beyond what was granted in the zoning code, which limits such businesses to the BSC District — bounded by Wilshire Boulevard to the north, Broadway to the south, First Court to the west and Fourth Court to the east.

The pawn shop will occupy a 2,300 square foot space on the first floor for $2 per square foot.

The lease will end Dec. 31, 2010, but can continue on a month-to-month basis thereafter. The building also houses a

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Sidewalk rules

Editor:

Re: "City recognized for its dealings with bicycles," page 1, May 22.

I was pleased to read that City Hall received a bronze award despite complaints that there are pedestrians on the beach bike path. Obviously City Hall did something right.

If City Hall did something to protect pedestrians from bicyclists on the sidewalks I would gladly give them an award too. Many bicyclists don't seem to know that in Santa Monica it is illegal to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk.

Ursula Fox
Santa Monica

Taken out of context

Editor:

I was not surprised to see someone trot out Leviticus as a rationale for opposing same sex marriage, or for that matter, same sex sex. Ms. Lucia Sotelo ("Quoting scripture," page 4, May 19) once again offers us a quote from Leviticus. The Bible has many wonderful passages and parables, but much of it, not surprisingly can only be viewed with an historian's perspective. If taken literally, it would repel and disgust most people alive today. The part quoted by Ms. Sotelo was written several thousand years ago. It's easy and somewhat shallow to offer up one quote, taken out of context without considering the rest of the teaching. If all of the teachings of Leviticus were applied today, religions based on it would be brutal and violent. Here are some other quotes from the book:

18:19 – You shall not approach a woman to have intercourse with her while she is unclean from menstruation.

20:9 – Anyone who curses his father or mother shall be put to death; since he has cursed his father or mother, he has forfeited his life.

21:9 – A priest's daughter who loses her honor by committing fornication and thereby dishonors her father also, shall be burned to death.

And my personal favorite admonition in Leviticus is this:

20:17 – Speak to Aaron and tell him: None of your descendants, of whatever generation, who has any defect shall come forward to offer up the food of his God.

18 – Therefore, he who has any of the following defects may not come forward: he who is blind, or lame, or who has any disfigurement or malformation,

19 – or a crippled foot or hand,

20 – or who is hump-backed or weakly or walleyed, or who is afflicted with eczema, ringworm or hernia.

21 – No descendant of Aaron the priest who has any such defect may draw near to offer up the oblations of the Lord; on account of his defect he may not draw near to offer up the food of his God.

You hear that, all you disabled, herniated, wall-eyed people with eczema? According to the Bible, if you take it all literally, the church is no place for you. You see how silly this is?

Yet, fundamentalism loses its silliness when you read the news and see that there is plenty of evidence around the world that following and acting upon such literal beliefs do indeed produce violent and inhuman behavior. If I were to choose any biblical passages to take literally, I'd stick to those quoted by Kenny Mack from Matthew and Luke and be very concerned when I heard Leviticus being offered up as the one true way.

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That Rutherford Guy

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What I learned at graduation: Freedom of speech is absent

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS — A PHILOSOPHY that discourages diversity of viewpoints — has become a guiding principle of modern society. If someone might be offended, freedom of speech is erased. Nowhere is this more evident than in the schools, especially when religion is involved. Things have gotten so ridiculous that the mere mention of God is enough to send public school officials into a tailspin. Just consider what happened to Renee Griffith on her graduation day.

Renee paired up with another student, Ethan, to talk about the lessons they had learned in school, which ranged from the humorous and mundane to the heartfelt. For instance, Renee learned that "there is no pool on the fifth floor," "Homecoming Week is a time when people can wear underwear on the outside of their pants and no one cares," and "gym clothes are to be forgotten on Mondays and piled in lockers on Fridays."

School officials who reviewed the remarks prior to graduation did not raise any objections to the students' light-hearted remarks.

What they did object to, ironically enough, was Renee's heartfelt statement about how she learned to stand up for her religious convictions. "I learned to persevere these past four years, even through failure or discouragement, when I had to stand for my convictions," wrote Renee. "I didn't let fear keep me from sharing Christ and His joy with those around me. I learned to impart hope, to encourage people to treat each day as a gift. I learned not to be known for my grades or for what I did during school, but for being committed to my faith and morals and being someone who lived with a purpose from God with a passionate love for Him."

Little did Renee know when she wrote those words that her world would be turned upside down. Just prior to the graduation ceremony, Renee was given an ultimatum by school officials: either strip references to God from her speech and replace them with more neutral phrases or be forbidden to participate in the graduation program.

For example, instead of saying "I didn't let fear keep me from sharing Christ and His joy with those around me," school officials instructed Renee to say "I didn't let fear keep me from sharing my faith with those around me." And instead of "being someone who lived with a purpose from God with a passionate love for Him," she was told to describe herself as "someone who lived with a purpose, a purpose derived from my faith and based on a love of mankind."

Renee did not hesitate for a moment. She knew her rights and insisted on having her right to free speech respected. She wanted to use the words of her choice in order to talk about the lessons she had learned in school. After all, other students were permitted to use words of their choosing to share what they had learned. In fact, in such a sea of speeches, it's doubtful that anyone would have noticed, let alone cared about, the inclusion of those two small words in her speech: "God" and "Christ."

Unfortunately for Renee, school officials cared enough to totally ban her from participating in the graduation ceremony. This was simply political correctness rearing its ugly head once again. If there are two words that are politically in correct, and thus taboo in the public schools today, they are "Jesus Christ."

Instead of being honest, school officials disguised their political correctness by hiding behind the mantra of "separation of church and state." Yet this was not a state-paid teacher or other state employee speaking--it was a student who had not only earned the right to address her classmates, she was invited to do so.

Moreover, the argument that the graduation ceremony was a school-sponsored event doesn't hold much water. The majority of people at that ceremony were either adults or on the brink of adulthood. They would have no difficulty distinguishing between a student and someone speaking on behalf of the school. However, because Renee is a Christian, her speech was squelched, which has nothing to do with church-state doctrine and everything to do with censorship. Yet the beauty of the First Amendment is that it grants us the right to free speech, including free speech that references God. It also protects atheistic speech.

There's an old axiom that what children learn in school today will be the philosophy of government tomorrow.

The lesson being taught to our young people is that, for some of us, there is no such thing as free speech. However, as historian Roland Bainton reminds us, "All freedoms hang together. Civil liberties scarcely thrive when religious liberties are disregarded, and the reverse is equally true."

In other words, if all freedoms hang together, then they will fall together, too. In fact, they will fall like dominoes.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter
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Nature's answer to germ warfare

MICROORGANISMS ARE THE MOST predominant creatures on our planet. Although technology has made great inroads in saving lives, nature's medicine chest has a proven antidote just waiting to be unleashed.

In the 1940s improved sanitation and nutrition and the rise of antibiotics significantly reduced deaths occurring from: cholera, diphtheria, tuberculosis, small pox, typhus, hepatitis and amoebic dysentery.

Today, 90 percent of visits to doctor's offices are infection related. More than a million people in North America die each year from various infections.

Infections have reached an epidemic and modern medicine is paralyzed.

According to Dr. James Hughes of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, of the 110 million antibiotic prescriptions written yearly in the U.S., one half are unnecessary.

Misuse of antibiotics has created drug-resistant microbes.

More than 100,000 patients a year in the U.S. die from antibiotic resistant microbes.

History is rich with lessons. Over 5,000 years ago the Akkadians of the Bronze Age depended upon wild oregano for their medicine.

Wild oregano or Origanium vulgare of the mint family is native to the mountains of Greece. I have never encountered a more remarkable plant with as many widespread medicinal, herbal or household applications.

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Applying oil of oregano directly or mixing a few drops with a facial soap is an effective treatment against acne. Dogs bite over 2 million people each year in the U.S. and oil of oregano, applied directly to the wound, is the most effective antiseptic treatment.

As an anti-inflammatory it offers hope to millions afflicted with arthritis, as the oil can be directly applied to the joint in addition to taking gel caps. Asthma is an epidemic and by inhaling the vapor of wild oregano as well as having it rubbed on the chest or back offers relief. Oil of oregano applied directly to the foot is highly successful in treating athlete's foot fungus. About 90 percent of the population suffers from gum disease, by applying a few drops of oil of oregano directly to the gums morning and night its anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties reduce gum disease, effectively fight halitosis or bad breath and kills cankers — one of the most painful and long-lasting types of lesions of the mouth.

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It is one of the few treatments for frostbite because it improves blood circulation, reduces inflammation, prevents infection, and speeds healing and skin regeneration.

I carry a small bottle in my pocket when I am in the woods for protection against venom of bees, black widows, brown recluse spiders, scorpions, gila monsters and snakes. Its anti-venom properties neutralize the poison and it also halts inflammation and itchiness from the leaf resin of poison ivy and oak.

A few drops of oil of oregano in hot water and vinegar creates an excellent household cleaner on floors, in sinks, bathtubs, and showers and in toilets.

It is no wonder that the ancient Greeks referred to this plant as "joy of the mountains."

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The Q Line

Just cruisin'

City Hall was recently recognized by the League of American Bicyclists for its efforts to make Santa Monica a bike-friendly city. Yet there are some in the bike community who feel that the city needs to go even further.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

What would you like to see city officials do to make the city even friendlier to bike riders?

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Girl defies odds, earns top honors

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TULSA, Okla. The final straw for Anastasia Boyd came around November of her junior year, when her father told the family he got a job in Kansas.

He worked on oil refineries, nomadic work that paid well, but offered little in the way of stability.

But Anastasia had already made up her mind, just like when she decided to get her nose pierced last month. She wasn't going this time.

"What do you mean, you're not going?" her mom rifled back.

"I'm sick and tired of going from this school, to this school to this school, and making new friends ... ," she told her parents.

Anastasia, then 16, was already on school No. 12.

"Well, then, you already know how to make new friends," mom, still in denial, offered.

"No, mom. It's not going to happen this time," Anastasia recalls saying. "I have things I want to try to accomplish at this school. I want to stay at this school."

So she went it alone, a choice that was neither illegal nor uncommon in Oklahoma, but one that greatly stacked the odds of dropping out against her.

Eighteen months later, don't feel sorry for her. She'd probably laugh if you did.

Anastasia graduated Monday from Will Rogers High School as valedictorian of her class of 158.

"Sometimes people are like, 'Oh, my God, you poor thing,'" she said one morning before graduation. "And I'm like, 'No, I'm not this poor thing. I chose to do this perfectly on my own. It's not like my parents abandoned me and stuff.'"

Anastasia, with her shocks of blond and red hair and dark-painted toenails, is a bit of a rebel. The 17-year-old (she turns 18 on May 22) is the first person to graduate high school in her immediate family, a Junior ROTC battalion commander with no chip on her shoulder. She recently took her Most Likely to Succeed yearbook photo in sweats, gray hoodie and tennis shoes.

She's an old soul who loves the nostalgia of Vargas pinup girls and counts film icon Marilyn Monroe as a role model because she got to Hollywood by herself, "and she came from being absolutely nothing."

In a way, Anastasia is antidote to the pre-recession teenagers who threw fits on MTV's "My Super Sweet 16" when their parents didn't pick out the right color BMW or pop star to perform at their soirees.

Anastasia — friends call her Stacy — is saving up to buy a Chevy Tahoe, working a $7.75-an-hour job at an auto supply store to pay the bills. At last check, she had at least $500 saved.

Until then, she'll make do with her trusty 1998 sedan.

Lt. Col. Ron Fry, her ROTC instructor at the high school, takes only a few seconds to sum up what people close to her already know: honest, hardworking, integrity.

"I was talking about her last night to my daughter, and my daughter said, 'I've got good grades,'" Fry recalls. "I said, 'Yeah, but you don't do it on your own. It's a big difference being 17.'"

When her parents left, Anastasia eventually moved into a one-bedroom house with her boyfriend, Adrian, and was working five days a week to help pay the rent.

She met Adrian, a tile-layer who graduated in December, during her sophomore year in second-period World History and says she loves him.

The relationship is a sore spot with some of her teachers, who became more protective of her since she started living on her own.

"Boys are a dime a dozen," says her drama and theater teacher, Kristina Vassella. "Get to college, have friends."

One of her counselors even confronted her about it.

"We were talking about me living with my boyfriend, and she goes, 'You know what? you're too smart, you're too pretty, you don't need to be ties down to one guy right now,'" Anastasia says.

"I was like, 'If you think he's holding me back, you are sadly mistaken,'" she says, determined to prove everybody wrong, like she has most of her life.

Anastasia has big plans. She won't graduate and have babies out of high school — her mom had her two days shy of her 18th birthday. She wants to go into construction management, follow in dad's footsteps. But she has a down-to-earth fallback in these tough economic times: styling hair.

The college life seems out, too. While most her age would leap at the chance to live away from mom and dad, she's been doing that for a year and a half.

"Some people think it would be great to have that cliche college life, but not me," she says. "I feel like I'm already out. To me, that's like taking a step back kind of thing."

She has a plan to buy a house by the time she's 35 and see the world — definitely Portugal. She thinks 26 would be a good age to start a family and says she and Adrian want to have a daughter "and spoil the heck out of her."

As with all teenagers with a myriad of plans, sometimes life gets in the way.

On graduation night, Anastasia looks worried.

There's a problem: the boyfriend.

"We're kind of on a break right now," she explains, mustering the best fake smile she can as classmates stop by to congratulate her. A copy of her graduation speech trembles in her hand.

As for the breakup, she doesn't want to get into the details because her mascara will run, but says if it were up to her, "we'd definitely still be together."

After the ceremony, Anastasia gathers outside with her mom, dad and sister. Her eyes are puffy from all the crying.

Her mom, Candessa Easley, jokes that she wanted to drag Anastasia by her hair when she and her husband learned that she was staying behind.

"But she's persistent," Easley says. "She's going to be awesome."

Anastasia grins. A tear trickles down her cheek.

Mom wipes it away.

Tips to keep kids safe from abusers, abductors

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LOS ANGELES Their names are eerily known to many: Adam Walsh, Polly Klaas, Amber Hagerman, some of the children who have come to symbolize families shattered through abductions and murders.

But they also represent hope in the form of new laws and other public policies aimed at keeping kids safe.

Safety experts emphasized that most child abduction cases result in family reunions. Since 1990, the recovery rate of missing children has jumped from 62 percent to 97 percent, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The special day was created in the 1980s to help make that happen, offering tips for parents and spotlighting children who have yet to be found. Safety events around the country this month have been compiled by the national center and posted on its parenting site, take25.org.

Nancy McBride, safety director for the center, and Robin Sax, a former Los Angeles County prosecutor who specialized in crimes against children, urged parents not to shy away from the subject in gently teaching children as young as toddlers how to stay safe. They also said it's a process that should continue through the teen years.

It's a grim topic, but the two said parents should talk repeatedly with children about who they can trust and how they can avoid predators both online and in their neighborhoods. The key is to avoid scare tactics, McBride said.

"Fear is a paralyzing element," she said. "It doesn't help anybody learn anything."

Instead, use "teachable moments," everyday incidents children experience that emphasize safety, said Sax, who recently published the book "Predators and Child Molesters: What Every Parent Needs to Know to Keep Kids Safe."

Both women warn parents against falling into overly traditional notions of who's out to harm their children. So-called "Stranger Danger" can hinder youngsters from getting help if they're lost, McBride said. Besides, strangers often aren't the ones to worry about.

"The very real issue is that the real danger to kids is from somebody they know rather than somebody they don't know," McBride said.

More tips on educating younger children:

• Start talking early, but keep the tone informal. "When you go out to a mall, make it a teachable moment," McBride said. "Then go get some pizza."

• Listen carefully to what children say. It can indicate what areas parents need to work on and help them spot abuse, Sax said.

• Tell children to go with their gut and get away from people who make them uncomfortable. "They don't have to be polite," McBride said.

• When explaining inappropriate touching, Sax said use swimwear as a guide: "Anything your bathing suit covers isn't a place that anyone's allowed to touch."

When children learn core safety values at a young age, it can then be adapted as they grow to take on new scenarios involving such things as the Internet. More tips on educating older children:

• Set boundaries. "You're paying the bill on the cell phone, you set the rules," McBride said.

• Don't let children roam online unchecked. "Even if you're not a technology maven, you've still got the experience and the judgment your child doesn't have," McBride said.

• Remind them it's not just about safety, but also about reputation. A provocative cell phone shot or embarrassing video can come back to haunt a teen well into adulthood, McBride said.

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• Let children go online when they're ready, but do it safely. Instead of letting them jump straight to MySpace or Facebook too young, Sax recommended Disney's Club Penguin or similar entertainment fare.

• Get your children to show you what they know. "I play a little bit dumb," Sax said. She gets her teens to show her around such sites as Facebook and YouTube. "They're teaching me," Sax said, but at the same time she's "able to assess their maturity and growth."

If abuse is suspected, Sax said it's important for parents to let law enforcement take over. Evidence can be tainted and prosecutions derailed if parents confront suspected abusers or conduct their own investigations, she said.

If a child goes missing, McBride advised that parents do a quick search of their home and vehicles, then contact police. There's no waiting period to file a missing person report on children, and time is of the essence.

Not all missing child cases have happy endings.

The national center was founded in 1984 after several high-profile cases, including the 1981 disappearance and murder of 6-year-old Adam Walsh in Florida. In 1993, 12-year-old Polly Klaas was abducted and murdered in California. Amber Hagerman, 9, was kidnapped and murdered in Texas in 1996. Amber Alerts for missing children were named for her, and are now used in all 50 states.

Sax, the mother of three, said safety training for children is a necessary first step in making sure fewer tragedies occur, and it's just good parenting.

"Parenting is the one job that if you're successful at it you get fired at the end," Sax said.





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Groups concerned about impact of fees

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Depending on the type, groups pay different fees, with those more closely associated with the schools paying the least for permits. The PTA, which falls under the affiliate category, would not pay any permit fee, while organizations like the Boy Scouts would have to pay the community meeting fee, which is 10 percent of the commercial rate. The commercial rate falls in the highest bracket.

The cost of the permit also differs with the facility. For example, commercial users would have to shell out about $100 to use a high school cafeteria without a kitchen, while the Boy Scouts would have to pay $10 for the same space.

Upton said the policy is not meant to raise revenue for the district, but to recoup cost from the groups' use of school facilities, covering small items like light bulbs, electricity, plumbing and toilet paper.

The policy will also address another major concern, indemnifying the district against liability.

"With so many groups not being permitted, it means we also don't have liability insurance for them," Upton said. "In some ways … the greatest threat with the use of our facilities is that someone would become injured, and through lawsuits, we would lose significantly and it would cost us more money than what we would ever raise in permit fees."

The policy also addresses the recent issue surrounding the last-minute cancellation of a benefit featuring comedian Carlos Mencia at Barnum Hall. The event, which was supposed to raise money for Edison Language Academy, was canceled after the Santa Monica-West Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of Mexican-American Educators threatened to picket and disrupt the performance.

The incident prompted the district to hold a forum on appropriate uses of school facilities several months ago.

The issue is addressed in a few paragraphs under a section about approved activities, basically stating that the district can restrict events that may result in damage to facilities, disrupt approved activities, conflict with school purposes, or pose the risk of injury to persons or property.

The policy was met with some concern from organizations that have been holding events at school facilities for decades, including the Boy Scouts Troop 2, which meets at Lincoln Middle School.

"We are concerned about raising our costs in terms of the effect it will have on membership and the ability of some of our families to pay that extra cost," Steve Marcy, the scoutmaster, said. "We believe that we provide great services both to the community and to the individuals."

He said that the scouts support the school district through community service projects and in the programs they teach to their members, about 80 percent of whom are SMMUSD students.

Representatives from the Santa Monica Vikings, a youth football league, asked that district officials waive the two security guard requirement for home games at Santa Monica High School, noting that they have never had an incident. The organization also has several staff members that essentially act as security guards, monitoring the crowd.

"We recognize this is a tough time in the world and we're not really looking to reduce fees," Colin Maduzia, the vice president of the organization, said. "Our league prides itself on having very behaved parents."

He said that many of the kids in the program are students in the school district. About one-third of the players are on scholarship.

"We're essentially the football program for the elementary school," he said.

School board members expressed support for relaxing restrictions for certain groups that serve students who might be impacted by the fees.

"There are some nonprofits that are wealthier than others yet here this policy is one standard," school board member Oscar de la Torre said. "If that's the case, then we need to find a way to make it possible for us to give the lowest cost for those type of organizations that are serving a great number … of our student body."

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Charnock project to restore local water supply

FROM **CONSENT** PAGE 3

flower shop and nonprofit organization.

SETTING THE PRICE FOR CLEAN WATER

The cost of restoring the local drinking water supply won't come cheap.

The council will be asked to approve a "guaranteed maximum price" of $52.8 million to its contract with Black and Veatch Construction, which is the designer and builder for the Charnock Well Field Restoration Project. The guaranteed maximum price covers all costs to design and construct the project.

The project includes the construction of a new water treatment facility that will decontaminate the Charnock groundwater sub-basin, bringing back the local drinking water resource and reducing City Hall's dependency on the Metropolitan Water District, which supplies about 88 percent.

It was about a dozen years ago that five wells in the Charnock Field were taken out of commission after officials discovered an MTBE contamination from leaking underground gasoline storage tanks owned by several oil companies, including Shell, Chevron and Exxon Mobil.

Several settlements followed over the next decade, including $120 million from the oil companies in 2003 and another $131 million in 2006.

The council will also be asked to enter a $225,000 contract with Converse Consultants to provide geotechnical and soil inspection services for the project, and a $352,000 contract with the Willdan Group for deputy inspection and materials testing services.

"Both Converse Consultants and Willdan Group Inc., have provided similar services on other municipal and institutional projects of comparable size and complexity," a city staff report stated.

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MEMORIAL DAY AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY







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IN TRIBUTE: **Doves were released at City Hall's 71st annual Memorial Day observance at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The event featured a 21-gun-salute and inspirational words from Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca. City officials commemorated the 40th anniversary of the passing of Eugene Biscailuz, a former sheriff and first commissioner of the California Highway Patrol. He was a long time resident of Santa Monica and was interred at Woodlawn. Patriotic music was provided by the Lincoln and John Adams middle schools choir and the Fairfax High School marching band. Two Sikorsky Black Hawk helicopters flew in formation over the cemetery.**

Race day to move back to March tradition

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La Brea, Hancock Park, Country Club Park, Koreatown and ends in front of the Richard J. Riordan Central Library at Flower and Fifth streets.

The race's new organizers decided to use the course used for the 2005 and 2006 races that produced the marathon's fastest men's and women's times after being told by runners "that they didn't like the course that it had been moved to," marathon president Russ Pillar said.

Forty-four water stations were set out on the course, each stocked with 1,200 gallons of water, the equivalent of 30,000 servings, as organizers worried about hot temperatures for the unusual late-May race. The L.A. Marathon had always been run in March until this year, when it was shifted to a holiday Monday to avoid interfering with churchgoers.

Next year, the race day will move back to a traditional March event.

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Crisis spurs spike in 'suburban survivalists'

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SAN DIEGO Six months ago, Jim Wiseman didn't even have a spare nutrition bar in his kitchen cabinet.

Now, the 54-year-old businessman and father of five has a backup generator, a water filter, a grain mill and a 4-foot-tall pile of emergency food tucked in his home in the expensive San Diego suburb of La Jolla.

Wiseman isn't alone. Emergency supply retailers and military surplus stores nationwide have seen business boom in the past few months as an increasing number of Americans spooked by the economy rush to stock up on gear that was once the domain of hardcore survivalists.

These people snapping up everything from water purification tablets to thermal blankets shatter the survivalist stereotype: they are mostly urban professionals with mortgages, SUVs, solid jobs and a twinge of embarrassment about their newfound hobby.

From teachers to real estate agents, these budding emergency gurus say the dismal economy has made them prepare for financial collapse as if it were an oncoming Category 5 hurricane.

They worry about rampant inflation, runs on banks, bare grocery shelves and widespread power failures that could make taps run dry.

For Wiseman, a fire protection contractor, that's meant spending roughly $20,000 since September on survival gear — and trying to persuade others to do the same.

"The UPS guy drops things off and he sees my 4-by-8-by-6-foot pile of food and I say 'What are you doing to prepare, buddy?'" he said. "Because there won't be a thing left on any shelf of any supermarket in the country if people's confidence wavers."

The surge in interest in emergency stockpiling has been a bonanza for camping supply companies and military surplus vendors, some of whom report sales spikes of up to 50 percent.

These companies usually cater to people preparing for earthquakes or hurricanes, but informal customer surveys now indicate the bump is from first-time shoppers who cite financial, not natural, disaster as their primary concern, they say.

Top sellers include 55-gallon water jugs, waterproof containers, freeze-dried foods, water filters, water purification tablets, glow sticks, lamp oil, thermal blankets, dust masks, first-aid kits and inexpensive tents.

Joe Branin, owner of the online emergency supply store Living Fresh, said he's seen a 700 percent increase in orders for water purification tablets in the past month and a similar increase in orders for sterile water pouches.

He is shipping meals ready to eat and food bars by the case to residential addresses nationwide.

"You're hearing from the people you will always hear from, who will build their own bunkers and stuff," he said. "But then you're hearing from people who usually wouldn't think about this, but now it's in their heads: 'What if something comes to the worst?'"

Online interest in survivalism has increased too. The niche Web site SurvivalBlog.com has seen its page views triple in the past 14 months to nearly 137,000 unique visitors a week. Jim Rawles, a self-described survivalist who runs the site, calls the newcomers "11th hour believers." He charges $100 an hour for phone consulting on emergency preparedness and says that business also has tripled.

"There's so many people who are concerned about the economy that there's a huge interest in preparedness, and it pretty much crosses all lines, social, economic, political and religious," he said. "There's a steep learning curve going on right now."

Art Markman, a cognitive psychologist, said he's not surprised by the reaction to the nation's financial woes — even though it may seem irrational. In an increasingly global and automated society, most people are dependent on strangers and systems they don't understand — and the human brain isn't programmed to work that way.

"We have no real causal understanding of the way our world works at all," said Markman, a professor at the University of Texas, Austin. "When times are good, you trust that things are working, but when times are bad you realize you don't have a clue what you would do if the supermarket didn't have goods on the shelves and that if the banks disappear, you have no idea where your money is."

Those preparing for the worst echo those thoughts and say learning to be self sufficient makes them feel more in control amid mounting uncertainty — even if it seems crazy to their friends and families.

Chris Macera, a 29-year-old IT systems administrator, said he started buying extra food to take advantage of sales after he lost his job and he was rehired elsewhere for $30,000 less.

But Macera, who works in suburban Orange County, said that over several months his mentality began to shift from saving money to preparing for possible financial mayhem. He is motivated, too, by memories of the government paralysis that followed Hurricane Katrina.

He now buys 15 pounds of meat at a time and freezes it, and buys wheat in 50-pound bags, mills it into flour and uses it to bake bread. He checks survivalist Web sites for advice at least once a day and listens to survival podcasts.

"You kind of have to sift through the people with their hats on a little bit too tight," said Macera, who said his colleagues tease him about the grain mill. "But I see a lot of things (on the Web) and they're real common sense-type things."

"I don't want to be a slave to anybody," he said. "The more systems you're dependent on, the more likely things are going to go bad for you."

That's a philosophy shared by Vincent Springer, a newcomer to emergency preparedness from the Chicago area.

Springer, a high school social studies teacher, says he's most worried about energy shortages and an economic breakdown that could paralyze the just-in-time supply chain that grocery stores rely on.

In the past few months, Springer has stockpiled enough freeze-dried food for three months and bought 72-hour emergency supply kits for himself, his wife and two young children. The 39-year-old is also teaching himself to can food.

"I'm not looking for a retreat in northern Idaho or any of that stuff, but I think there's more people like me out there and I think those numbers are growing," he said.

Obama observes Memorial Day at Arlington cemetery

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WASHINGTON Barack Obama marked his first Memorial Day as president on Monday, saluting the men and women of America's fighting forces, both living and dead, as "the best of America."

The president spoke after participating in a solemn holiday tradition, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, the burial ground for American veterans dating to the Revolutionary War.

In brief remarks after laying the wreath and observing a moment of silence, Obama said he wondered why the country's fallen warriors felt a sense of duty and answered the call to serve, knowing they might have to make the ultimate sacrifice.

"Why in an age when so many have acted only in pursuit of narrowest self-interest have the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines of this generation volunteered all that they have on behalf of others," he said. "Why have they been willing to bear the heaviest burden?"

"Whatever it is, they felt some tug. They answered a call. They said 'I'll go.' That is why they are the best of America," Obama said. "That is what separates them from those who have not served in uniform, their extraordinary willingness to risk their lives for people they never met."

The president also sought to dodge a racial controversy the holiday, sending wreaths to a monument for Confederate soldiers and a memorial honoring more than 200,000 blacks who fought for the Union during the Civil War.

The nation's first black president continued tradition and had wreaths delivered to the Confederate Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, the 600-acre site across the Potomac River in Virginia that once was Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's estate. The White House also sent a wreath to the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington's historically black U Street neighborhood.

Presidents traditionally visit Arlington to personally leave a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, a marble structure with the remains of unidentified U.S. military members who died during war. Presidents then have aides deliver wreaths to other memorials or monuments, generally including the Confederate memorial.

A group of about 60 professors last week sent a petition to the White House asking Obama to avoid a memorial for Confederate military members who died during the war between the North and the South.

The White House ignored the plea. Wreaths also were left at the mast of the USS Maine and at the Spanish American War Memorial, a White House aide said.

"The Arlington Confederate Monument is a denial of the wrong committed against African-Americans by slave owners, Confederates and neo-Confederates, through the monument's denial of slavery as the cause of secession and its holding up of Confederates as heroes," the petition said. "This implies that the humanity of Africans and African-Americans is of no significance."

Reid rakes in campaign cash, even without opponent

KATHLEEN HENNESSEY
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, vulnerable in home-state polls but without a big-name opponent so far, takes the stage Tuesday with President Barack Obama at a Las Vegas-style fundraiser billed as "The Good Fight."

But the big-dollar bash begs the question: Where's the fight?

Despite months of promising to target Reid for ousting in 2010, Republicans have yet to land a major candidate deemed capable of raising the money and enthusiasm needed to unseat a sitting majority leader.

A recent newspaper poll showing Reid's vulnerability highlighted the GOP's dilemma. In a survey for the Las Vegas Review-Journal published last week, 45 percent of Nevada voters told pollsters they would definitely vote to unseat Reid. Another 17 percent said they would consider another candidate.

Finding that candidate, while the four-term Democratic senator is calling in chits and racking up campaign money, is proving difficult.

"He's the majority leader and he's going to raise a ton of money. That's intimidating to run against," Nevada's other senator, Republican John Ensign, said of his party's search. A viable candidate would need to get in the race "in the next few months, certainly," Ensign said.

Intimidation has been no small part of Reid's early strategy.

A year and a half from Election Day, the senator has raised a whopping $7.5 million, already half a million more that he spent on his 2004 campaign.

He also has secured the public support of some high-profile Republican donors in Nevada and is believed to have locked up funding from the state's powerful gambling industry.

Reid campaign manager Brandon Hall said the senator is merely responding to Republican promises to target his seat.

"That is why we are starting early and will be prepared to run an aggressive campaign no matter who our opponent will be," Hall said.

Tuesday's fundraiser features headliners Sheryl Crow and Bette Midler. Tickets start at $50 for the concert, but a $29,600 contribution that will be split between Reid's campaign and the Nevada Democratic Party gives donors access to the senator and president.

"This fundraiser is just another show of his strength," said David Damore, a political scientist at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "It's a message to any opponent: If you want to compete, this is the kind of game you're going to have to play."

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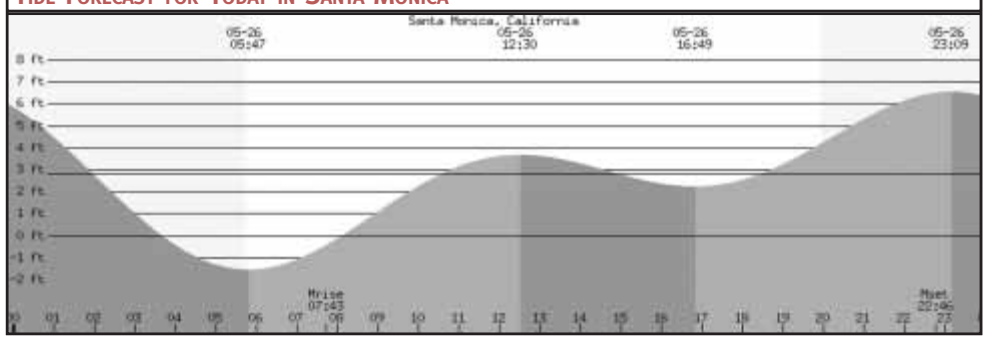
Swell Forecast (3-5 FT)

Both NW wind swell and southern hemi ground swell are expected to back off, leaving knee to waist high waves most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 27th looks like a very small day for surf in SoCal, perhaps knee high most everywhere. Winds though should be calm in the AM, and onshore in the afternoon 7-12 mph.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of: **May 19, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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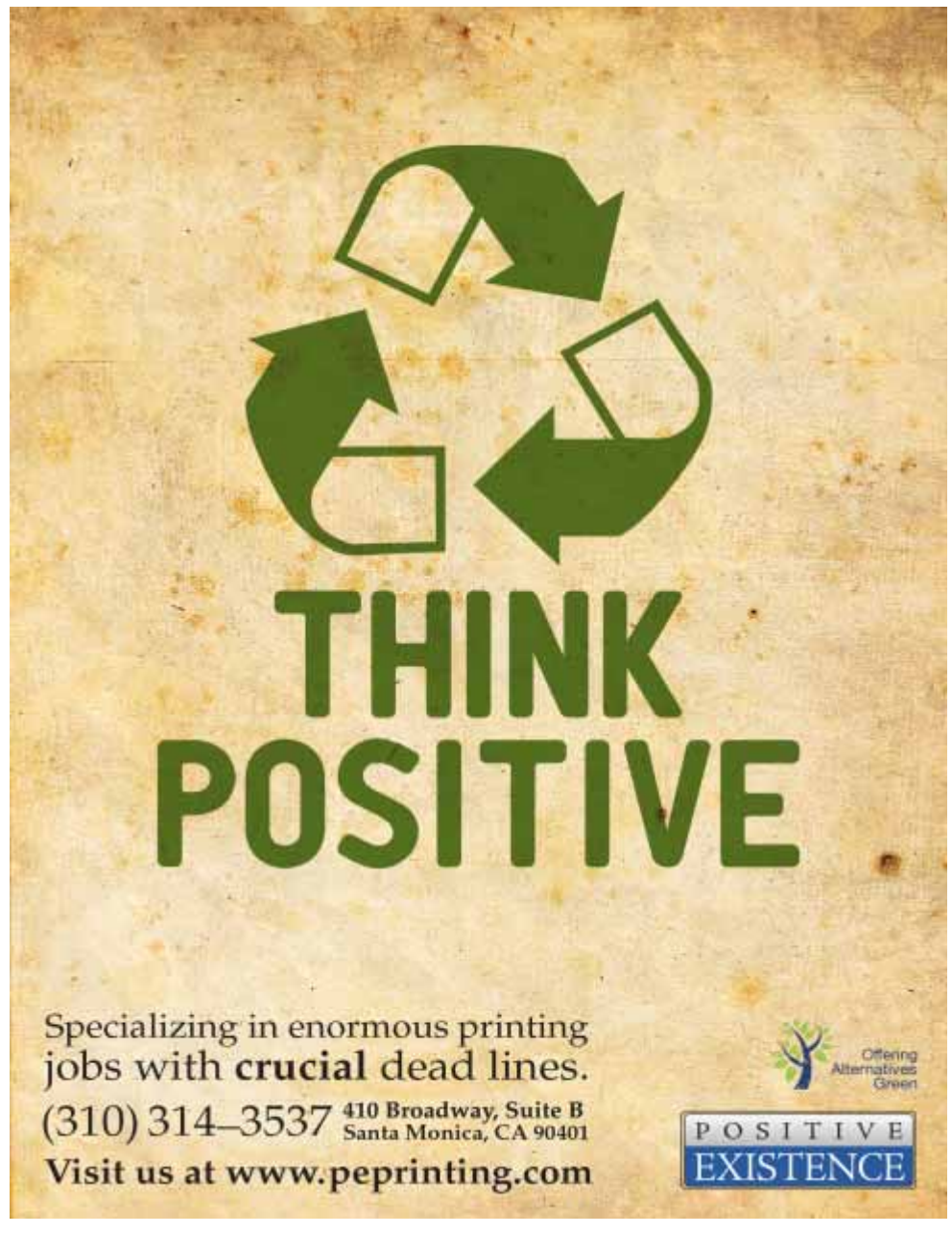
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Earth (G) 1hr 30min
10:10 a.m., 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
10:00 a.m., 12:50, 3:45, 6:45, 9:50

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Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
11:40 a.m., 1:00, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
10:15 a.m., 1:20, 4:45, 8:00, 11:10

Angels & Demons (Digital) (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:15, 10:30, 11:15

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Ballerina (NR) 1hr 20min
11:00 a.m.

The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Tyson (R) 1hr 30min
1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

Management (R) 1hr 33min
1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:00 a.m., 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:30 a.m.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

Dance Flick (PG-13)
12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30, 12:00 a.m.

The Soloist (PG-13) 1hr 49min
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

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11:40 a.m., 12:20, 2:20, 3:10, 5:10, 6:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:40, 11:40

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Get some sleep, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ The smart Ram will keep his or her opinions to him- or herself. A boss could be tough or controlling. Let him think that he is in control. You know better. Plug your energy where it counts. Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep communication moving, even if you hit a black-and-white situation. Hop over a problem that appears to be irresolvable. You'll get through it with ease. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ Curb a need to have things your way or be unduly possessive. No one fares well when this type of push and shove occurs. Detach; find solutions. A meeting allows you to see how a friend or associate would handle an issue. Note that this person could be quite assertive. Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you feel like you are being challenged, you are right. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could be very different or innovative. See how to make both of your wishes come true. Don't get involved in a power play. Tonight: As you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Much is happening behind the scenes. How you handle a hard or difficult situation will be remembered. Don't break under pressure. Be who you are. People will feel much more comfortable knowing where you stand. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ What you want and what someone else wants might not jibe. You could be overwhelmed by all your options. Do what feels right. Others come from different places, perspectives and lives. Someone finally gets it. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Accept your role as leader. You understand where you are going and why. Others simply feel they are right and you are wrong. Don't fight city hall; simply do what you must. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance who always presents a different view. Share and brainstorm together. Consider working from home more often — you might relax more. Tonight: Go for routine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Someone or an institution defines the domain it controls, implying its level of control over you. As a result, you might very well defy this person or place, in your own style. A discussion could be hot. Understand someone's thinking. Tonight: Go along with suggestions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You just might be in a mood where you "aren't going to take it anymore!" You certainly let someone know that you have a will and that you are going to do what you have to do. Tonight: Go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ How you express the pressure you are under might determine how well your message is heard. Though you might get very angry, expressing it needs to be done well if you want to change the situation. Focus on what must be done as opposed to reacting. Tonight: Choose a tension-buster.

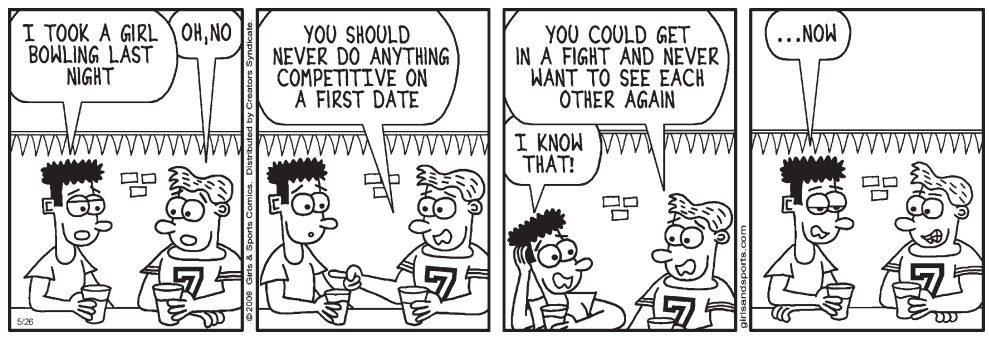
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be caught between a rock and a hard place. You discover the implications of a rigid friendship. You might not want to react immediately, but choose the best path for you, especially if you want to maintain this friendship. Is it worth it? Tonight: Caring abounds with others.

Happy birthday

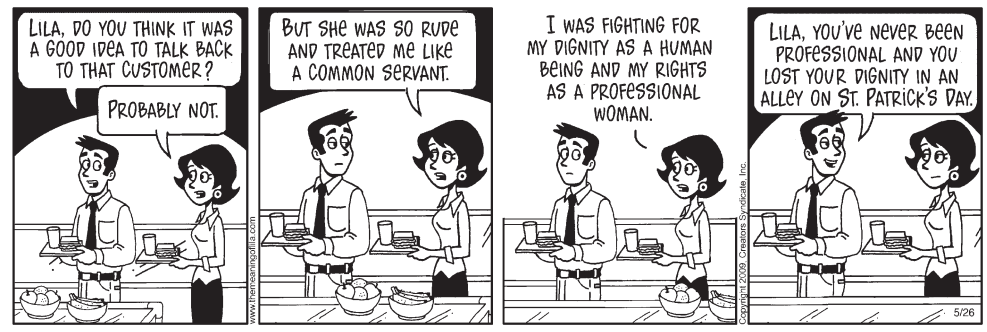
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Your ability to clear out difficulties emerges this year. You will learn to pull back and rethink complex situations. This type of approach makes you a sure winner. Understanding people and empathizing opens door after door. If you are single, you will meet many people, but either they or you will want closeness too quickly. Give yourself the gift of space and time. If you are attached, your newfound understanding flows into your relationships, adding more closeness. CANCER helps you make and spend money!

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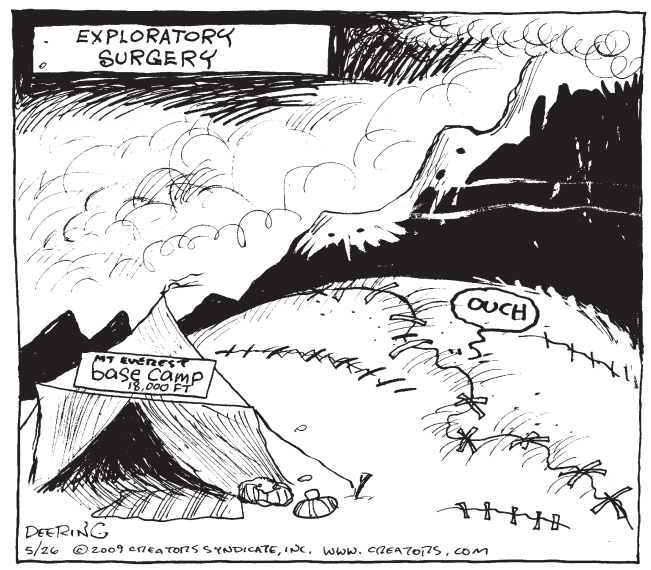
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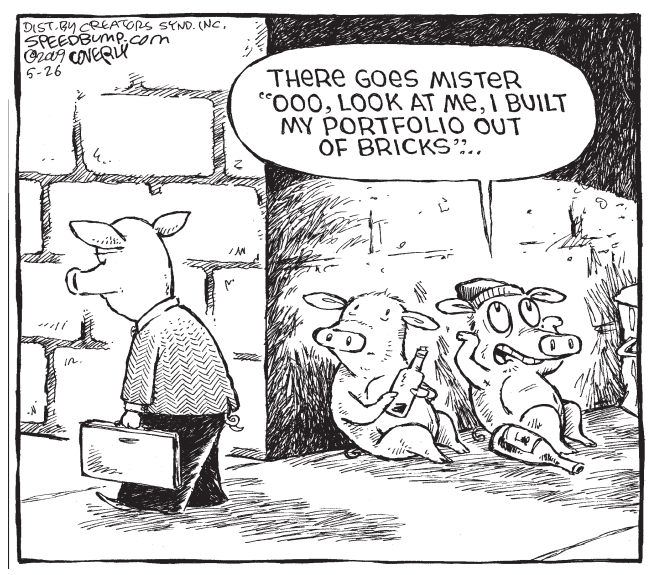
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Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	7	4	5	9	3	8	6	2
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Light lunch
6 Stinging insects
11 Steaming
12 Comic Kovacs
13 Big deal, so to speak
15 Wee bit
16 Put two and two together
17 Steno need
18 Stingy one
20 Lethal
23 Lawn tools
27 First fellow
28 Goose egg
29 Ring pro
31 Daughter of Lear
32 Fusses
34 Book jacket item
37 Long sandwich
38 Pointer
41 Exec's accessory
44 So out, it's in
45 Hunting weapon
46 Alarm's trigger
47 Spud

DOWN

1 Make finer
2 Region
3 "Shane" star
4 Finished off
5 Leave the tracks
6 Metal worker
7 Compass trace
8 Ginger cookie
9 Galileo's home
10 Canary snack
14 TV spots
18 "American Buffalo" playwright
19 Tears down
20 Like the Beatles
21 Hubbub
22 Receipt line
24 Beer bash need
25 Pitcher's stat
26 Junior, to senior
30 Gangster's gun
31 Inventor Fulton
33 "Well, that's obvious!"
34 Saloons
35 News article
36 Palindromic name
38 27th President
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42 Bible boat
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Yesterday's answer

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3rd: 05 California Classic
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ East St. Louis, Ill., policeman Kristopher Weston apprehended a murder suspect about 20 minutes after the crime in April, which was such a nice piece of police work that the mayor called Weston before the city council to commend him. Five minutes after Weston left the room, the council got down to regular business, the first order of which was to approve a list of police and firefighter layoffs due to budget shortfalls, and on the list because of low seniority was Officer Kristopher Weston.

■ Just Can't Stop Themselves: (1) In March, a judge in Jefferson County, Texas, probated the 90-day DUI sentence for Jeffrey Latham, 37, on condition that he not drink alcohol, and he ordered Latham to report to the probation office. Two hours later, Latham showed up as scheduled, drunk, and was promptly shuttled back to court. (2) A man and woman in their early 30s were arrested in April after they stripped naked and began having sex in front of tourists on the lawn at Britain's Windsor Castle. The queen was in residence, but her living quarters are at the opposite end of the castle, and she missed the spectacle.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1913 Actors' Equity Association was organized in New York.

1969 the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

1972 President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

1981 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

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